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Hand Family**

FAMILY GROUP NO.

Husband's Full Name

LEAH MILES HAND

This Information Obtained From:

Birth Date Day Month Year City, Town or Place County or Province, etc State or Country Add Info. on Husband

Birth *1832*

Chr. no.

Mar. *1857*

Death *1910*

Burial *Interment in East Gate*

Places of Residence *W. ... Aug 20/10*

Occupation *C.H. 237a 1347*

Church Affiliation *7 ...*

Other wives if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name

PAULINE SOUTHERN

Wife's Date Day Month Year City, Town or Place County or Province, etc State or Country Add Info. on Wife

Birth *09 Oct 1859*

Chr. no.

Death *1924*

Burial *Interment in East Gate*

Places of Residence

Occupation if other than housewife

Church Affiliation

Other husbands if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name *CHARLES SOUTHERN LUCINDA BEEBE*

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Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth) Children's Date Day Month Year City, Town or Place County or Province, etc State or Country Add Info. on Children

1 *EMMA HAND* Birth

Full Name of Spouse* Mar.

Death

Burial

2 *MILES HAND* Birth

Full Name of Spouse* Mar.

Death

Burial

3 *HELEN HAND* Birth

Full Name of Spouse* Mar.

Death

Burial

4 *SUSIE HAND* Birth

Full Name of Spouse* Mar.

Death

Burial

5 *FLOYD HAND* Birth *1893*

Full Name of Spouse* Mar.

Death *1931*

Burial *Interment in East Gate*

6 Birth

Full Name of Spouse* Mar.

Death

Burial

7 Birth

Full Name of Spouse* Mar.

Death

Burial

8 Birth

Full Name of Spouse* Mar.

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JACKSON COUNTY...Over the Back Fence, by Irene King
Pascagoula Chronicle-Star and Moss Point Advertiser
February 1, 1957, page 5...

Subject: Brothers, MILES B. HAND and SHELDON B. HAND

Surrounded by pictures and a lot of memories the eldest granddaughter and great niece of the two brothers who founded HANDSBORO lives in a little home on Roosevelt Street in Pascagoula.

She is MRS. C. D. HENDRICKSON, and she and a sister, MRS. C. E. KELLY, who also lives in Pascagoula are the last of the immediate family of MILES B. HAND who with his brother SHELDON B., gave their name to HANDSBORO.

It was all because the two brothers, who lived in New York state, were frail and had weak lungs that they came South, landing in Mississippi on the Gulf Coast which they grew to love so fiercely they never would go north again.

In fact, they transmitted their love to their son, LORIN MILES, father of MRS. HENDRICKSON and MRS. KELLY to such a degree that he volunteered in the Confederate Army.

"He didn't have to go to war," Mrs. Hendrickson said, "because he was not very robust and had bad eyesight but he joined the Army because he resented having the North try to dictate to the South."

"He said many times it was not over the slaves but the principle that the war was fought and he felt it was completely unnecessary because lots of people, including Grandfather were already freeing their slaves by their own choice."

It was in 1840 that the brothers headed South and they joined what must have been a mighty small settlement on Bayou Bernard and opened a big foundry.

The foundry proved so successful that pretty soon what had then become Handsboro was a thriving industrial center. In 1948 the brothers built two identical homes adjoining property on the same side of the bayou as the foundry.

Both the houses still stand, lovely Southern colonial homes spiced with a few Yankee ideas the brothers brought with them.

Although they did not remain in the ownership of MILES and SHELDON for two many years because during the war the foundry was burned and eventually MILES took the machinery and moved his foundry to MADISONVILLE, LA., where he was operating when he retired.

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On his retiremnet, LORIN bought the machinery and moved it again, this time to MOSS POINT, where he set up his foundry on the river banks now identified as the BLUMER property. The house he built for his first wife still stands.

Now ADAM BLUMER had been a businessman in HANDSBORO, running a general store in an octagonal building topped with an octagonal cupola but he too had moved to MOSS POINT and duplicated his eight-sided store on a small scale in that town.

LORIN took him into the foundry as a partner and they ran the business together until LORIN retired and moved to PASCAGOULA, no doubt influenced by his young wife, PAULINE SOUTHERN of PASCAGOULA, whom he married two years after the death of his first wife.

There were no children born to MILES and his first wife but five blessed the union of MILES and PAULINE. They were MRS. HENDRICKSON, MILES PORTER HAND who died nearly half a century ago in Mobile, MRS. KELLY, and the baby, FLORENCE, who succumbed to typhoid at the age of 15.

The move to PASCAGOULA came at the turn of the cerntury and here LORIN lived out his years and here MRS. HENDRICKSON and MRS. KELLY married and settled down.

Although the houses passed out of the hands of the founding brothers later LORIN'S only brother, PORTER bought back one of them and it was there that MRS. HENDRICKSEN and her brother and sisters spent many happy days in their youth.

"They turned over the third floor to the children and we used to have a wonderful time," MRS. HENDRICKSEN remembers.

Actually, she does not remember very much about her grandparents for they died, one on one day and the other on the next, in 1889 when she was only a child.

"I just remember a grand old man who was so good to us children because we were a real close family and he was proud of us."

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Chadds Ford, Pa 19317
1 Nov 1987

Ms. Jean Strickland
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Moss Point, MS 39563

Dear Jean:

Thank you for your letter of 22 Oct. I mailed you a copy of my book earlier this week. My check for the \$19 (\$46-\$27) difference is enclosed. I have delayed this reply in order to have time for at least a superficial review of your books, as they apply to my family.

A map showing the location of the old obliterated cemetery I mentioned near Frost Bridge is enclosed. I wrote to the owner of the land asking about the cemetery back about 1970, but he did not reply. Desecration of cemeteries was illegal in Mississippi at the time this cemetery was plowed up, so I'm not surprised that this joker C. McLaughlin did not want to get involved by admitting that there had ever been a cemetery on his land. Then (I think it was in 1971) I went to the area, found an old negro in a house just at the east end of Cedar Bridge on the east side of the road (he had bright blue eyes, sharp features, and said both his grandfathers had been white, and both his grandmothers had been slaves) who took my sister and me to the southernmost fence of McLaughlin's property (see the enclosed map) and pointed out the location of the 1820-odd cemetery, which he said (from his own observation) had headstones standing in the mid 1920s, and that when the cemetery was plowed up the stones had been removed and piled up in a grove of trees near the east bank of the Buckatunna creek, on McLaughlin's land. He thought they were still there. We did not go inside the fence, for McLaughlin kept dogs inside the fence, and the old negro said they were mean. All this is located in sec 30, R5W, T10N, Wayne County MS. My Ancestor Obadiah Hand owned this land (and most of the rest in sec 30) when the cemetery was reputed to have been established.

We had thought that Obadiah Hand's wife Sarah Britton Hand (1759-1826) was buried in this desecrated cemetery, but you show her as being buried in Philadelphus Church cemetery. The Philadelphus Church was originally established in 1821 at West King on the west side of the Chickasawhay river, and was not moved to its present location until about 1840 (it was known to have been in its present location in 1843. So it came as a surprise to me to see Sarah Britton Hand's name listed in your book. Her name did not appear on a cemetery listing in a booklet that the Philadelphus church published some 35 or 40 years ago ("The History of an Old Church and its People"). There is no date of publication, but other dates in the booklet run up as high as 1945). This Church booklet says on page 42 that "John Britton and his wife [Rachel Blaylock Britton] were both buried in the grave yard close by the Britton Camp Ground as were many of the other people; among them the Hands and the Horns. It is hard to find any trace of the grave yard now, as the place is in cultivation and only a few know of its exact location." I went through your record of Philadelphus cem. looking for all death dates before Philadelphus church was moved from West King in about 1842, and found only three: John Britton (1765-1835) and wife Rachel Blaylock Britton (1765-1826) and Sarah Britton Hand (1759-1826). The first two are known to have come to the Cedar Bridge area at approximately the same time as Obadiah and Sarah Britton Hand. John and Rachel Blaylock Britton and Sarah Britton Hand were not listed in the cemetery record in the Church bulletin published some time after 1945. I would appreciate any thoughts you might have on these three people, and particularly on Sarah Britton Hand. Were their vital dates covered in the WPA list compiled during the "depression"? I personally spent some time looking in the cemetery for any members of the Hand family. None was found, and none was listed in the Church cemetery record. I can confirm the vital dates for Sarah Britton Hand shown in your record, since I have the bible (with its family record) she and her husband gave their oldest son in 1820 on the occasion of his marriage.

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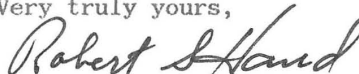
Mary Ann Hand Horne, daughter of Sarah Britton and Obadiah Hand and first wife of Col John H Horne, was also supposed to be buried in the old obliterated cemetery. Since she died in 1829, before Col Horne moved to Matherville, I am now wondering about her as well.

I dont intend to be picky, but you listed Paul Scott Griffith twice (pps 98 and 102) in the Philadelphus cemetery. Paul was my friend, and a lawyer in Waynesboro.

There are two names and a little information I can add on those resting in the William Powe Cemetery (your Book A, pages 164 and 165). Elizabeth Marcia Pegues Powe, Wife of William Powe, was born 15 Aug 1770 in the Old Cheraw District of South Carolina. Not listed in your book are Joshua William Dyess, b 22 Jan 1852, death date unknown, and Major John McRae, b in Scotland in 1753, d 27 Jul 1829 in Wayne Co. Major John was the first husband of Harriet Pegues Powe, daughter of William Powe. Joshua William Dyess was husband of Carrie T(aylor) Dyess (1852-1915) and the latter was daughter of Dr. Peter Taylor and his wife Elizabeth Powe. I cannot place this Elizabeth, but she was undoubtedly a granddaughter of William Powe. I don't have the complete record of all of William Powe's sons. I assume that William T. Powe (1853-1937) and William T. Powe (1881-1938) shown in your tabulation were respectively son and grandson of William Thrashley Powe (b 21 Aug 1822). As a matter of passing interest, William Powe (the original) requested on his deathbed that a "lighter knot" be placed at the head of his grave, and this tradition was continued until the 1920s. I have made a considerable study of the family of William Powe, who was my direct ancestor, as you may note in Handbook-2.

In your Book B p23 (Waynesboro Cem.) the dates for William M. (for McKay) Fitzgerald were 13 March 1880 & 2 April 1924. Hattie E. Trousdale (1877-1972) was his wife and her record should read "Hattie E. Trousdale Fitzgerald". William Ellis Fitzgerald (1854-1925) and Fannie Hand Fitzgerald (1856-1882) who follow in the listing in your book, were parents of William McKay Fitzgerald. Eliza W. (for Wallace Gibbs) Hand was wife of Enoch Everitt Hand (1826-1879). Eliza was born in Hyde County NC on 30 April 1831.

Very truly yours,


Robert S Hand

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Pascagoula Democratic Star

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istance, her limbs being
double their normal size.
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as Pain Balm. I purchas-

the residence of Mr. S. S. Henry this
Friday evening.

The Altar Society of St. Joseph's

Lena R. Storer, Oscar G. and Montana
with 250,000 feet each for Havana.

Jackson Hand, a colored mill hand,
and Lilly B. Johnson were married at
Ocean Springs Wednesday by the Rev.
H. L. Kennedy. Both are prominent
colored people.

Come and get your pick from a big
line of straw hats selling at 40 cents,
worth from 75 cents to \$1.25. Also a
big line of umbrellas and parasols
going at cost, at the Moss Point Mer-
cantile Co.'s liquidation sale.

"The Old Reliable" is still the
favorite newspaper that comes to this
town. May it live long and prosper.

The schooner Oscar G., Capt. Jonas
Green, arrived Sunday at the L. N.
Dantzler Lumber Co.'s mills and com-
menced loading with 250,000 feet of
lumber for a return trip to Havana on
Wednesday.

The heavy rain fall of the past few
days has swelled the creeks and upper
rivers to an appalling extent, and con-
siderable apprehension is felt here for
the safety of numerous rats of logs
which are destined for the mills at
this place. All reports are discourag-
ing at the present writing, but it is to
be hoped that the flood will be carried
off before any serious damage is done.
The upper rivers are reported higher
than has ever been known.

The young ladies of Moss Point met
with Miss Laura Griffin last week to
organize a Literary Society. They are
all very enthusiastic and we hope they
will co-operate to make it a grand suc-
cess and power in our midst. The
worthy and efficient president deserves
due credit for inspiring the members
with the determination to succeed.

The following has reached us from
the fresher about Plum Bluff:

Gang Sawed Rift Flooring A SPECIALTY.

Shipping Points: Cable Address:
Pascagoula & Ship Island. "Dantzler," Moss Point.
Capacity 150,000 per Day.
January 19, 1900. 40-ly

MARINE.

OFFICE DEMOCRAT-STAR,
Scranton, Miss., April 27, 1900.

[Report for week ending April 19, 1900.]

ENTERED.

April 13. Am. sch. Vila Y. Hermoso,
Clark, 202 tons from Vera Cruz.
April 14. Nor. ss. Ran, Hansen, 1,947
tons from New Castle, Eng.
April 23. Am. sch. Oscar G., Green, 120
tons from Havana.
April 16. Am. sch. Millie Williams,
Soderstrom, 77 tons from Campeche.
April 16. Brit. bktn. Cudoon, Richter,
373 tons from Havana.
April 16. Am. sch. City of Baltimore,
Tawes, 297 tons from Havana.

CLEARED.

April 12. Am. sch. Nan M. Dantzler for
Vera Cruz with 250,000 feet lumber,
value \$2,000, by L. N. Dantzler Lum-
ber Co.
April 13. Am. sch. Olive for St. Lucia,
W. I., with 151,537 feet lumber, value
\$3,090, by S. S. Henry.
April 13. Nor. bk. Laura for Rotterdam,
Hol., with 419,172 sup. feet lumber,
value \$2,171, by Paterson, Downing
& Co.
April 16. Brit. ss. Lewisham for Rotter-
dam, Hol., with 1,634,000 sup. feet
lumber and timber, value \$5,204, by
Hunter, Benn & Co.

Coastwise—Entered.

April 14. Am. sch. Eva B. Douglas,
Bennet from Galveston in ballast to
G. W. Moody & Son.

Coastwise—Cleared.

April 12. Am. sch. Lucia Porter for New
York with 202,000 feet lumber by
Wood, Barker & Co., Boston.
April 17. Am. sch. Grace D. Buchanan
for New York, with 200,000 feet
cross ties, by Porter Hunter.

New York Daily HERALD at Scranton
Pharmacy, north L. & N. Depot.

It was a Democratic meeting in
Louisiana last Tuesday for members
of the Legislature and a full house
ticket. This was the first election
held under the new constitution and
franchising the negro.

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In a recent issue of
it some very interesting
by Captain...